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1. The Rumanian frontier in the area of Valcani, Arad region, is guarded by 5 Company of 2 Battalion of 4 Frontier Guard Regiment. At night the guards stationed on the frontier are controlled by the company commander, accompanied by an officer from the Battalion. During patrol, the following rules are observed: 25X1

   a. The officer approaching a surveillance point makes a certain sound, i.e., a whistle or bird call.

   b. The guards, two at a fixed post, reply by an intermittent tapping on their cartridge pouches or with the butt of their rifle.

   c. The officer then draws near and the passwords are exchanged. Example: "Becanc !" Reply - "Betosani"; "Targ !" Reply - "Targoviste" .

2. Order number 1002, dated 23 November 1953, prescribed the use of firearms by patrols and guard posts. Warnings were to be made in the following manner:

   a. First - Halt
   b. Second - A shot in the air
   c. If necessary - Fire on the individual

   This procedure is equally valid at night as well as at frontier passage points, however, it is forbidden to fire on women and children.

3. Unleashed police dogs are used for control of the frontier from 1600 to 2200 hours. In case of an alert, they are kept at guard stations. They are released against persons who attempt to or have already crossed the frontier. Sometimes at dawn, the patrols bring along the dogs in order to control that portion of plowed land which follows the frontier and to follow foot imprints.

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4. The following is a legend for the attached sketch showing the area around Valcani:

1. Boundary limit No. 24, located about 2,800 meters west of Valcani.
2. Boundary limit No. 25.
3. Boundary limit No. 26, located about 3,000 meters southeast of Valcani.
4. Barbed wire network.
4a. North limit sector of 5 Company.
4b. South limit sector of 5 Company.
5. Anti-personnel minefields.
6. Six meter-wide plowed strip.
7. Watch towers.
8. Railroad line (condemned) to the Valcani (Rumania) station from the Valcani (Yugoslavia) station.
8b. Road (use forbidden) leading from Mocrin to Yugoslavia.
9. Bridges which constitute reference points for night patrols and rally points in case of alert.
10. Canal; not a serious obstacle.
11. Path.
12. Field fortifications, forming the Company's retreat in case of attack.
13. Barracks of 5 Company.
14. Road to Besenova, located seven kilometers northeast of Valcani.
15. Railroad line, under construction, serving Sannicolaul Mare.
16. Valcani station, Yugoslavia (under construction).
17. Railroad bridge over the Aranca River.
18. Valcani church.
19. Single railroad line to Szeged.
20. Single railroad line to Velika Kikinda (under construction)
21. Rumanian-Yugoslav border.

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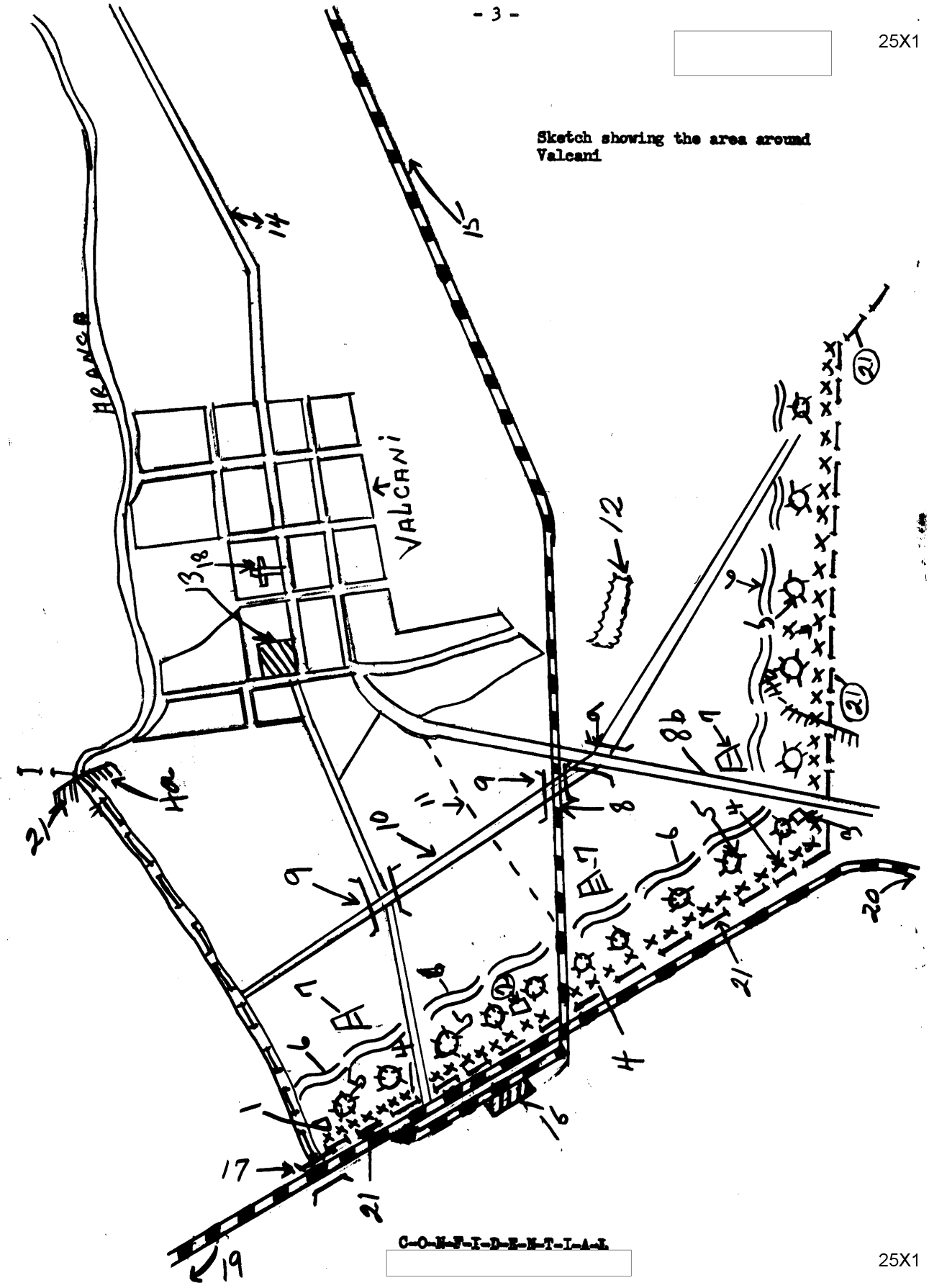
Sketch showing the area around Valcani



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